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160 METERS (HOT HOT HOT). This band has been pleasing many. Stations from stateside have been working new ones between 0300 and 0730z. Give a listen.

A7, QATAR. Tom, DL9FCQ, will be active January 14-27th. No callsign was mentioned, but he plans to concentrate on CW (during his evening) on 40-10 meters. QSL to CBA.

BY, CHINA. Tom, SM0CNS/DU7 (editor of DX & IOTA Tidbits), reports that Dieter, DJ7BU, operates BY1PK on 160 meters and will do so until the end of the year. There have been no QSNs reported on the Ohio/Penn Network as of yet.

DU, CEBU ISLAND (IOTA OC-129), PHILIPPINES. Tom is active as SM0CNS/DU7 on all bands (80-10 meters) mainly CW, but can do SSB or RTTY on request. He will also be active on 160 meters very soon. Tom will be on Cebu until the end of 1995. QSL via Manila bureau or direct: Thomas Bevenheim, Ronda, CEBU 6034, Philippines.

FT5X, KERGUELEN ISLAND. Pierre, FT5XJ (F5NLL), was to leave the island on December 15th, but was heard on the 18th (DX net) 14226 kHz at 1415z. If Pierre departs later than announced, he will return to the island to be active between January and March of 1995.

H44, SOLOMON ISLANDS. Norbert/DJ9RB and Bernhard/DL2GAC will be active from here the second half of January 1995. Activity will be on CW, SSB, Pactor and with emphasize on low bands. QSL via their home calls.

KP5, DESECHEO. AB4JI who planned a trip to KP5 last year, and after receiving approval, it was rescinded because of several guerilla bands on the island, and the authorities could not be held responsible for anyone's safety. Ray has recently inquired again on this matter, and the current position is that no amateur radio is allowed from KP5 at the moment. The authorities would not say one way or the other if there are presently people on the island, just a flat denial of operation from there.

QSL ROUTE. Daniel, 3A2LZ, reports the correct QSL route for his operations as 3A2LZ/0S0D and IK/3A2LZ/1P0D from Seborga is: Daniel Plett, B.P 349, MC98007 Monaco. He has the /0S0D QSLs ready but he is waiting for the /1P0D QSLs to come from the printer.

SPECIAL EVENT STATION. Members of the Jemtlands Amateur Radio Club (SK3JR), will be promoting Sweden as a possible candidate to hold the Olympic Winter Games in the year of 2002. Their special callsign will be 7S3OWG (Olympic Winter Games) and will be active from January 1st until June 16th. The station will mainly be active on CW but there will be some activity on the other modes and some participation in major contests. QSL via SM3CVM.

T32, EASTERN KIRIBATI. There has been a change of plans. Only three operators of the original five will be active from Christmas Island, December 27th through January 2nd. Begin looking for the following after the Christmas Holiday: T32J(JR5JAQ), T32A(JA5EXW), T32X(JA4GXS). Their suggested frequencies are: CW - 1806-1910, 3506, 7006, 10106, 14006, 18074, 21006, 24896, 28006 and 50110 kHz / SSB - 3799, 7070, 14190, 18120, 21290, 24940, 28490 and 50110 kHz / RTTY - 7035, 14086, 21086 and 28086 kHz. QSL via their homecall. T32J via Masanobu Yamao/JA5JAQ, 222-44 Higasikakioi-cyo, Matsuyama-city, Ehime, Japan 791. T32A via Tsutomu Saiki/JA5EXW, 1663 Kitaumemoto, Matsuyama-city, Ehime, Japan 791-02. T32X via Kenji Sasaki/JA4GXS, 2-15 Ishikannon-cyo, Yamaguchi-city, Yamaguchi, Japan 753.

TM, BREHAT ISLAND (IOTA EU-074), FRANCE. Yannick/F5IEN, Bruno/F5JYD and Eric/F5SSM will be active from the Bretagne (Cotes-du-Nord West) Region Group December 25 to 31. They will also be active from some tiny coastal islands which count for the French Island Award (DIFM).

VP8, FALKLAND ISLAND AND A SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND DXPEDITION UPDATE. Al, WA3YVN, informed NODXA that the SGI DXpedition is on track for January 4-19th (1995). But first begin looking for operators Al/WA3YVN, Jan/WA4VQD and Vince/K5VT to be active from the Falklands, December 24-30th. They will be active as much as possible on the low bands and the WARC bands before heading to SGI on the "Abel-J".

XR0, EASTER ISLAND AND SALA Y GOMEZ ISLAND (NEW IOTA). Bob Schmieder, KK6EK, and Carlos Nascimento, NP4IW, have announced they are planning and organizing a DX/expedition to these two islands next year. The tentative dates are August 26th through September 14, 1995. The amateur radio part of this project will include: activity on amateur radio, including activation of SyG for IOTA (a new one), low-band and digital mode operation, radio science including transequatorial propagation, beacons, and propagation predictability during low-sunspot conditions. The scientific part of the project will include: the natural science, including collection of marine specimens (by diving), bird surveys, bathymetric charting, etc.; culture and history of Easter Island.

Bob reports all permits are in place and they are planning to have a team of 24 operators to be active from both islands (12 on each island) simultaneously for 2 weeks (or longer). Radio callsigns will be XR0Y (Easter Island) and XR0Z (SyG). The honorary Expedition Leader for this project is Thor Heyerdahl. Amateurs who have expressed serious interest or committment include: KK6EK, NP4IW/6, KA3MUF, KD8IR, W6MKB, ON6TT, WJ2O, AB7BB, K9SJC, AA6KX, K1OCS, K1XM, KQ1F, WA5DAN, KD6ISY, and AA6TT. They are looking for both radio operators and divers. The duration can

be 1, 2, or all 3 weeks. The team will be selected in February, 1995. If you are interested, please contact Bob or Carlos.

ZC6B, GHAZA. OPDX received a FAX from Arie Surkiss (4X6UO), HF Manager of the I.A.R.C. stating the following: "According to the Israeli Ministry of Communication, Spectrum Manager Division, the Ministry has not issued such a prefix and there is no Israeli involvement in this operation. As far as I know the ITU has not issued a prefix to Ghaza or Jericho."

Meanwhile, Larry Price, W4RA (IARU Secretary), reports receiving a FAX from the "Palestine Amateur Radio Association", with information which may shed some light on the callsign being used. The FAX contained a newpaper article dated December 12, 1994 from the "Al Quds Newspaper" stating that the call was issued in 1948 to Dr. Sami Tarazi but never used because of the war that broke out.

Just before going to print, OPDX received an announcement stating that the Palestine Amateur Radio Club (Association) has invited JA1UT and JA3UB to help set up a station and operate next week. They will use their home calls /GAZA.

KEEP THOSE BALLOTS COMING! Ballots for the Fourth Annual OPDX/NODXA DX Survey can be found in OPDX.184. Ballots can be sent to the following packet and online addresses listed below.

SPECIAL NOTE: The Europeans are outvoting stateside. Come guys!

EDITOR'S NOTE: There will not be a bulletin next week, but there will be one the following week. Also, I would like to thank and wish all the contributors to the OPDX (there are too many to name) a Happy Holiday and New Year. Without them there would not be a OPDX bulletin. A special thanks also goes out to my wife who is my "Cheif Proof Reader" (It is great having a teacher for a wife, but I wish she get her ticket!)
.....73 and GUD DX de Tedd (KB8NW) and Family

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